

**Testimony in SUPPORT of:**

Bill # **1017**: An Act Concerning Election Administration.

Bill # **6578**: An Act Concerning Participation in Electoral Process

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Dear GAE Committee Co-Chairs Sen. Flexer and Rep. Fox, Vice Chairs Sen. Haskell and Rep. Thomas, and Ranking Members Sen. Sampson and Rep. Mastrofrancesco and Members of the GAE Committee,

Voting is at the heart of our democracy. I believe passionately that it is the responsibility of all citizens to exercise this critical right. I also believe that voting should be as easy and accessible to every single eligible person in this nation.

With the above referenced bills, Connecticut has the opportunity to safely, securely and conveniently enable far greater voter turnout. It is clear from data from the 2020 election that these measures would make permanent aspects of voting in our state that proved highly popular in that election and streamline the process while making it fairer.

Please say **YES** in **SUPPORT** of bill number **1017: An Act Concerning Election Administration** to make the absentee ballot drop boxes permanent and enable voters to request absentee ballots via an online form.

Please say **YES** in **SUPPORT** of bill number **6578: An Act Concerning Participation in Electoral Process** for automatic voter registration at state agencies and to restore voting rights to parolees.

Sincerely,  
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